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1. WE HAVE USED THE POINTS CONTAINED IN REFTEL (A) IN
RESPONDING TO REQUESTS FROM OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS
HERE FOR BRIEFINGS ON THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO ISRAEL.
WE HAVE PROVIDED ROUTINE BRIEFINGS TO REPRESENTATIVES
FROM THE FOLLOWING EMBASSIES: UK, CANADIAN, DANISH,
NORWEGIAN, GERMAN, ITALIAN, GREEK AND JAPANESE. WE HAVE
GIVEN A MORE RESTRICTED VERSION TO THE AUSTRIANS AND
SWEDES AND A MUCH LESS COMPLETE REVIEW TO THE ROMANIANS.

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2. THE EUROPEANS INFORMED US THAT EVRON BRIEFED THE
NINE PLUS AUSTRIA, FINLAND, NORWAY, SWEDEN AND SWITZERLAND
ON AUGUST 12. IN COMPARING OUR TWO BRIEFINGS, IT
IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT EVRON TOLD THE
EUROPEANS THAT THE U.S. HAS CHANGED ITS POSITION
REGARDING THE POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICIAL

CONTACTS WITH THE PLO. EVRON SAID THAT WHILE THE SECRETARY HAD STATED IN FEBRUARY THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THE PLO TO ACCEPT UNSC RES 242, RECOGNIZE THE RIGHT OF ISRAEL TO EXIST, AND CHANGE ITS COVENANT, NOW THE U.S. INSISTS ONLY THAT THE PLO ACCEPT 242.

3. OTHER POINTS IN EVRON'S BRIEFING INCLUDED A REITERATION OF THE ISRAELI POSITION REGARDING THE PALESTINIANS: NO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PLO, NO INDEPENDENT THIRD STATE AND NO FOREIGN RULE IN JUDEA AND SAMARIA. HE TOLD THE EUROPEANS ISRAEL IS PREPARED TO GO TO GENEVA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THAT IT IS PREPARED TO WITHDRAW FROM THE SINAI TO A LINE TO BE ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ISRAEL'S SECURITY NEEDS. HE MADE NO REFERENCE TO ANY WITHDRAWAL FROM THE GOLAN. EVRON SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HAS A CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT IF NO PROGRESS IS MADE NEXT MONTH REGARDING PROGRESS TOWARD GENEVA, THE U.S. WILL SUBMIT ITS OWN IDEAS. REGARDING SETTLEMENTS, EVRON'S SIMPLY NOTED THERE WAS DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE ISRAELI POSITIONNS.

4. WE HAVE ALSO LEARNED EVRON CONVENED THE LATIN AMERICAN AMBASSADORS AND MOST OF THE OTHER CHIEFS OF MISSION FOR A BRIEFING ON THE SECRETARY'S VISIT.

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